



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6426

LCO No. 2872



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
REP. BARRY, 31st Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That (1) section 53a-213a of the general statutes be amended to allow
2 a law enforcement officer to stop a motor vehicle when the sole reason
3 for the stop is a suspected violation of the prohibition on smoking,
4 otherwise inhaling or ingesting cannabis while driving; (2) the general
5 statutes be amended to establish legal limits for driving while under the
6 influence of cannabis and penalties for operating above such limits, in a
7 manner similar to that provided in the general statutes for driving while
8 under the influence of alcohol, where signs of impairment can be tested
9 with standardized field sobriety tests; (3) section 14-227b of the general
10 statutes be amended to specify that an operator of a motor vehicle is
11 deemed to give consent to a blood, breath or urine test to determine the
12 level of THC or a metabolite in the driver's blood, through chemical or
13 proven testing or measuring methods; (4) the general statutes be
14 amended to establish appropriate field sobriety tests for standard use
15 by police officers investigating suspected driving while under the

16 influence of cannabis; and (5) that section 14-227c of the general statutes
17 be amended to require an operator of a motor vehicle involved in an
18 accident resulting in serious injury or death to be tested using a blood,
19 breath or urine test to determine the level of THC or a metabolite in the
20 driver's blood, through chemical or proven testing or measuring
21 methods.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish parameters for drug impaired driving.